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Announcing Applicants

Ketchikan District Court

Two attorneys have applied for a position on the Ketchikan District Court. Applicants for the judgeship will be evaluated by the Council's seven members (the chief justice, three non-attorney members, and three attorney members). Comprehensive background investigations, a survey of Alaska Bar members, and personal interviews with the applicants are all part of the evaluations, according to the Council's Executive Director, Susanne DiPietro. Interviews with applicants and a public hearing will be held via Zoom on September 1, 2022. The Council will select two or more nominees for the vacancy to send to the governor. The governor will have 45 days to make an appointment from the Council's nominees.

The applicants are:

Kristian B. Pickrell: Mr. Pickrell has been an Alaska resident for 24 years and has practiced law for 17 years. He graduated from Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2004 and is currently an assistant district attorney in Ketchikan.

Amanda M. Schulz: Magistrate Judge Schulz has been an Alaska resident for 21 years and has practiced law for 20 years. She graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 2001 and is currently a magistrate judge in Ketchikan.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE APPLICANTS IS ENCOURAGED DURING THE EVALUATION PHASE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK. TO COMMENT, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSANNE DiPIETRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL, 510 L STREET, SUITE 450, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-1295, (907) 279-2526.

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